



INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN

# PHARMACY TIMES

BY IEHP PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

June 14, 2010

## Special Pharmacy Exception Request Requirement for OxyContin

Dear IEHP Providers,

Due to the concerns of the inappropriate use of OxyContin, IEHP Pharmacy & Therapeutics Subcommittee recommended and approved the following changes for all OxyContin Pharmacy Exception Request:

1. Pharmacy Exception Request must be submitted by the Prescribing Physician with justification.
2. Criteria: Must try and fail 2 different analgesics (MS Contin or other formulary analgesics, at least 4 weeks each). Authorization must be re-submitted in 6 months. Pain Contract, survey and documentation must be submitted with the request.
3. IEHP advises Physicians to utilize tools in our Clinical Practice Guideline - Pain. Please visit our website: <http://ww2.iehp.org/IEHP/Providers/CliniPracGuide/default.htm>
4. Physicians are also encouraged to sign up DOJ's CURES program. The online CURES program will allow physicians to review Member's narcotic drug history (paid by third party payors or cash) in real time.

Please feel free to contact IEHP Pharmaceutical Services Department at 909-890-2049 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

IEHP Pharmaceutical Services